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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☐ a Preliminary Amendment;
☒ a Reply to Office Action; ☐ a Substitute Specification;
☐ an Associate Power of Attorney; ☐ formal drawings; to be
filed in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	-	* =	X \$50	= \$.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	-	** =	X \$200	= \$.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ \$360	= \$.00

* If less than 20, insert 20. TOTAL \$.00
** If less than 3, insert 3.

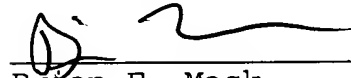
- [] As a result of the amendment submitted herewith, this application now includes excess pages beyond those previously paid for. The number of additional groups of 50 excess pages resulting from this amendment is _____ x \$250 = \$_____.
- [] A check in the amount of \$_____ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 000293-0034). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- [] Please charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

EXTENSION FEE

- ☐ The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; ☐ \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1,020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1,590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$2,160.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A check in the amount of ☐ \$120.00; ☐ \$450.00; ☐ \$1,020.00; ☐ \$1,590.00; ☐ \$2,160.00 in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith.
- ☐ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a ☐ one-month extension of time; ☐ two-month extension of time; ☐ three-month extension of time; ☐ four-month extension of time; ☐ five-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated _____. With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including _____.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 000293-0034). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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